

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION Honoring Farmers and
Agricultural Workers in Indiana on the Occasion of Agriculture
Week, 2001.

Whereas, Agriculture in Indiana is a large and diverse
industry of 65,000 farms containing 15.5 million acres of
farmland;

Whereas, Agriculture in Indiana plays a vital role in the
economic stability of Indiana, with cash receipts from the sale
of all commodities topping \$4.8 billion dollars annually;

Whereas, Indiana currently ranks number one in the nation
for production of ducks (1,179,062) and egg-type chicks
hatched (70,911,000);

Whereas, During the past decade, Indiana has ranked
among the top five states nationally for production of popcorn,
tomatoes for processing, soybeans, peppermint, corn for grain,
cantaloupe, spearmint, all hogs, ice cream, total eggs produced,



chicken excluding broilers, and pig crop, which reveals the great diversity of agriculture in Indiana;

Whereas, During the past decade, Indiana has ranked among the top thirteen states nationally based on market value of agricultural products sold and among the top eleven states nationally based on net cash return from agricultural sales, which reveals the economic savvy of Indiana farmers;

Whereas, During the past decade, Indiana has ranked among the top ten states nationally based on harvested cropland, and among the top 13 states based on number of farms, which reveals the high productivity of Indiana farmers;

Whereas, Farming provided a life-sustaining means for Indiana pioneers to settle in this state, supporting their basic needs and providing the basis for economic development;

Whereas, Indiana farmers continue the proud tradition of our forebears, providing food for those in need throughout the country and the world, and contributing to the economic stability of the state;

Whereas, Indiana farmers are great role models for our youth, as they teach us, on a daily basis, the value of fiscal conservatism, innovative business techniques, and hard work;

Whereas, Indiana's farm families support the traditional values of family life, where each family member contributes honest labor and unconditional support for the family and their life on the farm, Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honors Indiana farmers and agriculture workers during the celebration of Agriculture Week in Indiana, 2001.

SECTION 2. That Indiana farmers and agriculture workers are congratulated and thanked for their many positive contributions to life in Indiana.

SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of



Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Governor Kernan, the Indiana Department of Agriculture, the Indiana State Fair Board, and Indiana Farm Bureau.

